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SUBJ: CEYLONese CANDIDATE FOR UNCTAG SECRETARY GENERAL

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1. AT END OF CALL BY AMB ON MDFA SECRETARY
W. T. JAYASINGHE ON AUG 23, JAYASINGHE SAID HE WANTED
TO TAKE OCCASION TO RAISE CANDIDACY OF GAMANI COREA FOR
UNCATAD SECRETARY GENERAL WITH AMB AND TO INDICATE
SRI LANKA'S SUPPORT FOR CANDIDACY. AMB TOLD
JAYASINGHE THAT AMB KANAKARATNE HAD ALREADY
RAISED QUESTION WITH ASSISTANT SECTY SISCO IN
WASHINGTON BUT THAT AS YET USG HAD TAKEN NO DECISION ON
MATTER.

2. COMMENT: WHILE WE ARE UNABLE ASSESS ALL CONSIDERATIONS
WHICH WOULD LEAD USG TO SUPPORT SPECIFIC CANDIDATE FOR
UNCTAD SECRETARY GENERAL, WE BELIEVE COREA TO BE
OUTSTANDING MAN FOR THIS JOB. HE HAS EXTENDED
EXPERIENCE IN DEALING WITH DEVELOPMENTAL PROBLEMS OF
HIS COUNTRY. HE HAS PROVED A SKILLFUL NEGOTIATOR AND
PARTICIPANT IN MANY INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCES DEALING
WITH ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT OF LDC'S. CONSEQUENTLY HE IS
RECOGNIZED AS AN OUTSTANDING AUTHORITY BY TOP PEOPLE
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IN UN AND OTHER INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS ON PROBLEMS

SUCH AS THOSE WITH WHICH UNCTAD IS SEIZED. IN HIS
DEALINGS WITH AMERICANS, WHILE EFFECTIVELY PRESENTING
VIEWPOINT OF HIS GOVT, HE HAS SHOWN AN UNDER-
STANDING AND APPRECIATION OF PROBLEMS AND POSITIONS OF
USG. IN VIEW THESE EXCELLENT QUALIFICATIONS WE RECOMMEND
DEPT GIVE SYMPATHETIC AND HOPEFULLY POSITIVE SUPPORT TO
COREA CANDIDACY.
VAN HOLLEN

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